

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2017
Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center

Present: Julie Booth, Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Deb Klawiter, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Marilyn Skrivseth, and Kimberly Wahler.

Absent: Mike Mai and Greg Haugen

The meeting was called to order by Club President Marilyn Skrivseth at 12 noon. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Secretary's report: The minutes from the previous Board meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report Mike M. sent a treasurer's report prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried. (Treasurer's report is included with the minutes.)

Several items were discussed regarding the Club's finances.

- A check for \$2,000 from Visit Eau Claire is forthcoming.
 - There are not a lot of outstanding bills at this time.
 - Marilyn met with Dawn from Parks and Rec to get more information on nonprofits. If the Club becomes a 501(c)(3) organization, it will be able to apply for grants that are given exclusively to nonprofit organizations. The consensus of the group is that a good share of the money needed to complete the court construction and make repairs to the original six courts will need to come through grants. The Club will again submit a grant application to Mayo Health System.
3. Marilyn highlighted the improvements that still need to be made at McDonough Park. Included are: repair cracks and surface delaminating on old courts, apply a new surface to all courts, purchase and install two portable restrooms, purchase up to six more benches, add electrical service near the courts/future storage building, add drinking water access near courts, purchase AED, add an additional door to new courts, add security cameras, construct a pavilion/storage building,

and pave the roadway/parking lot. (Ron reminded the Board that the Club is obligated to pave the roadway and the new parking lot.)

The old courts need maintenance/repairs. Ron reported that the cost to resurface/color six courts is approximately \$20,000. The Club has approximately \$23,000 to put towards court improvements. Marilyn suggested the City put the court coloring out for bids so the Club has an accurate idea of the cost. The portable bathrooms are high on the priority list. If the Club purchases them, the City will pump and clean them.

The Club needs to meet with budget planners from the City regarding the court improvement priorities. Any money budgeted for the pickleball courts will be in the 2019 budget. The Club needs to know what the City is willing to support before the Club can set priorities.

McDonough Park was recently designated an Active Aging Park. This designation may help in getting some improvements made to the park.

4. Indoor play. Players need to remember to sign in before they start play at the Indoor Sports Center. The cost to play is \$5 if paying by the day, \$48 for a punch card, and \$180 for unlimited play. The punch card can be used Monday through Friday and on weekends. Weekend play is \$6 if paying by the day. The Club appreciates the extended playing hours and days offered this year by the Indoor Sports Center.

Mike P. and Geoff offered to repair some of the indoor nets. Ron posted a video on the Club website that demonstrates the proper way to set up nets. The pickleball play schedule is also on the website.

Discussion took place regarding having a designated afternoon for skills and drills and another afternoon for players to play who are new to the game or haven't played for a while. An effort will be made to encourage these individuals to come and play.

5. Committee reports:

Membership and Social Committee: Kimberly reported that a Mixed Up Doubles tournament will be held February 17, 2018. Details to follow. To date, the Club has 155 members.

Tournaments: Judy shared information about the Eden Prairie, MN, tournament on January 13-14, 2018, and one in Green Bay on February 4.

6. Outdoor play—due to time constraints, this will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Other:
 - Kimberly suggested a sign be put up letting people know that the gate at McDonough Park will be locked when people aren't playing pickleball.
 - A fee of \$60 is required for an event application. It was noted that more than one event can be included on an application.
 - Marilyn suggested the Club sponsor a pro for a workshop. If the workshop were to be held at the Indoor Sports Center, insurance would not be an expense to the Club.
 - When courts are busy, it was suggested games be played to 7 points so that more people can rotate into play.
8. The next meeting will be in January 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary